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Copy of a letter to His Excellency Gov. Chittenden from Col. Abner Webster by Express Dated White Church Oct. 18th 1780 —

Dr. Governor

This Morning about 10th Clock I received an Express from Capt. Childs of Granvil ~~[illegible]~~ begging for assistance, as he was informed by the Return of a Flag, that the Enemy lay at Ticonderoga and Independence, in number 950, besides a Reinforcement they had got — I immediately ordered the Regiment to march for assisting the Frontiers; But an Hour after this I received another Express from Cambridge, that the Enemy had burnt Ballstown, and were on their way, either for Stillwater or saratoga, and were in number 500 strong I must therefore beg your assistance, either at this Place or Saratoga, or Fort Edward, immediately, as we may all be cut off — General Allen is informed of the above Information

I am your Excellency's very Obt.
& humble Servant

Abner Webster Col.

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N. B. His Excellency Gov. Clinton is at Albany, and desired to inform your excellency as above and Request your assistance, in order to get ahead of the Enemy if Possible

Gov. Chittenden

Extracts from the original
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Extracts of a Letter from Gov. Clinton to Governor Chittenden Dated Albany 26th 1780